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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents that are not U.S. patent documents are also enclosed.

The two Japanese documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were cited in a Japanese Office Action dated October 19, 2007, during the prosecution of the counterpart Japanese patent application (the other listed document is submitted as an English-language counterpart). A copy of that Office Action is enclosed, along with an English-language translation.

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement, or else is submitted as an English-language counterpart.

For the concise explanation of relevance of the non English-language documents the Examiner is referred, in the case of JPA 11-85597, to the accompanying English-language translation, and in the case of JPA 10-255069, to the accompanying English abstract and to cited counterpart U.S. Patent 6,151,028.

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It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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